

MINUTES
Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition
Thursday, June 23, 2005
8th Floor Training Room
Indiana State Department of Health
2 North Meridian Street

Dr. Fred Leickly, InJAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Dr. Liz Hamilton-Byrd moved the minutes from the April meeting be accepted. Dr. Michael Tsangeris seconded the motion and the April minutes were approved by the members present.

Dr. Leickly presented the report from the By-laws Committee. He discussed the pros and cons of InJAC becoming a 501(c)(3) regarding:

- Money –Pro-InJAC would be in a position to receive funding
- Affiliations – Con – potential difficulty, but state agency staff could participate while not being voting members
- Perception – Pro – InJAC would be respected as a stand alone organization
- Other States – are many different approaches – pro & con
- Limitations – Pro, would be able to do advocacy, though there would still be some limitations
- Accountability – Pro – Would have to keep accounts and reports

Tom Neltner who chaired the By-laws committee will be moving to Washington D.C. in August 2005.

Discussion followed about what to do about the draft by-laws since the whole group had not had the opportunity to review all the pages due to an electronic transmission error.

After 10 minutes for reading the draft by-laws, the group discussed them and made suggestions on changing a few areas. A written ballot was collected for or against becoming a 501(C)(3) and to accept the by-laws with the corrections indicated. The motion to become a 501(C)(3) passed 22 to 1 with 1 abstention.

Dr. Judy Ganser from ISDH gave an update on the grant application due to the CDC April 30.

Cindy Woodruff gave a presentation on BRFSS 2003 asthma data. She noted that there was a statistically significant difference between the lifetime prevalence of asthma in women (14.4%) and men (9.4%) as well as a statistically significant difference between the current prevalence of asthma between women (11%) and men (4.9%). There also appeared to be a statistically significant difference between the percentage with current

asthma at an income level of less than \$15,000 per year and those who had an income level over \$25,000 per year.

The members present broke into workgroups for the rest of the meeting. Marti Michel will co-chair the Health Care Provider Workgroup. Dr. Marc Rosenman will chair the Data and Surveillance Workgroup.

The next meeting will be September 22 at the ISDH, 2PM-4PM